Foreign aids to terrorist activities

†126. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fund for carrying out terrorist activties in the country and particularly in Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States comes from abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of countries providing such assistance; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop such assistance to terrorists/terrorist outfits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) According to available information funds for carrying out terrorist activities comes through clandestine channels mainly from the ISI of Pakistan. Such funds are reportedly also received by the terrorist outfits from religious institutions and expatriate Kashmiri/Pakistani organisations operating in the Middle-East region including in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait etc. and also from similar organisations in the U.K., U.S.A etc.

(c) Intelligence agencies of both the Central and State Governments concerned agencies in the Ministry of Finance and police in the States have been sensitised to upgrade their operational capabilities to tackle the problem of such funding to terrorist outfits. Besides, diplomatic initiatives are taken to address this problem.

Need for FBI on the lines of America

†127. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have felt a need for an organisation on the lines of Federal Bureau of Investigation of America and if so, what kind of need is being felt for the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the State Governments have registered their opposition for the same; and

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(c) the scope and likely effect of such an organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) There are crimes which pose a serious threat to national security and have inter-state/international linkages. The Central Government has felt the need for setting up of a Federal Law Enforcement Agency which has an all India charter and may cover investigation of crimes including terrorist activities/waging war against the State, arms and drug trafficking hijacking, espionage, crimes relating to counterfeit currency, money laundering, and cyber crime, etc.

The issue of setting up of such an agency has been discussed in different fora including the Conference of Chief Ministers on Internal Security. There was, however, no consensus on the proposal due to the perception of most of the States that this could impinge upon their spheres of responsibility with regard to maintenance of public order.

While setting up such an agency, the Central Govenment would ensure that it does not interfere with the role and responsbility of the State Police and is bound by well-defined operational principles and procedures.

Running of Maoist Schools in Jharkhand

†128. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Maoists are running Maostic schools and creating Maoists therefrom;

(b) whether Government have tried to ascertain the facts as to where the Maoists and other terrorists outfits are running schools; and

(c) the steps Govenment have taken to check the same and to have control over them and by when results are likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No information regarding schools being run by the Maoist has yet come to the notice of the Government .

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Government has directed its police to keep a strict vigil.

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